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Dr. Michael Friedman
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Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane Room 1471
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Dear Dr. Friedman:

I am writing to express my concern about genetic engineering in the U.S. food supply. I believe it is ethically and morally wrong to manipulate the genes of plants and animals. I further believe that these manipulations will have repercussions that we cannot begin to understand at this stage of development and implementation of these techniques—not necessarily in terms of direct effects on the health of human organisms, but in terms of upsetting entire ecosystems.

I would like foods that have been genetically engineered using recombinant DNA and anti-sense technology to be identified as having been so altered so that I may choose whether or not to buy them and include them in my diet. The marketplace would then offer me the possibility of making my opinion heard through my purchasing decisions.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours truly,



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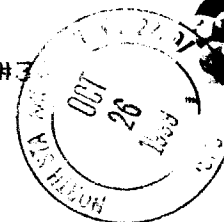
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